

any serious problems in processing the maritime traffic involved in lifting oil from the Mina Al Bakr offshore terminal. While it is still too early to tell if the inbound shipments will go as smoothly, we are hopeful that our advance planning and preparation in this area will pay off.

The United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC), established pursuant to UNSCR 687, continues to resolve claims against Iraq arising from Iraq's unlawful invasion and occupation of Kuwait. The UNCC has issued over 1 million awards worth approximately \$5.2 billion. The UNCC has authorized to date only limited payments for fixed awards for serious personal injury or death because additional funds to pay awards have been unavailable due to Iraq's refusal to comply with all relevant UNSC resolutions. With the advent of oil sales under UNSCR 986, however, 30 percent of the proceeds will be allocated to the Compensation Fund. These proceeds will be used to make installment payments on awards already made and to finance operations of the UNCC.

To conclude, Iraq remains a serious threat to regional peace and stability. I remain determined to see Iraq comply fully with all of its obligations under United Nations Security Council resolutions. My Administration will continue to oppose any relaxation of sanctions until Iraq demonstrates its peaceful intentions through such compliance.

I appreciate the support of the Congress for our efforts and shall continue to keep the Congress informed about this important issue.

Sincerely,

William J. Clinton

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Strom Thurmond, President pro tempore of the Senate.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

March 1

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to New York City.

March 2

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton returned to Washington, DC. In the evening, they attended a gala at Ford's Theatre.

The President declared a major disaster in Arkansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and tornadoes March 1 and continuing.

March 3

In the afternoon, the President met with Senators Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Jesse Helms and Representatives Lee H. Hamilton and Larry Combest in the Oval Office to discuss Government classification issues.

March 4

In the morning, the President traveled to Little Rock, AR. In the afternoon, he traveled to Arkadelphia and College Station, AR. In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint John R. Phillips to be a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellows.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding beginning March 1 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Ohio and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning February 28 and continuing.

March 5

In the morning, the President had a telephone interview from the Oval Office with James A. Barnes of the National Journal.

March 6

In the morning, the President traveled to Lansing, MI. In the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in Indiana and ordered Federal funds to sup-

plement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding February 28 and continuing.

March 7

The President announced his intention to appoint Dianne Welsh Bleck to be a member of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

The White House announced that the Russia-U.S. summit in Helsinki, Finland, will begin with an informal dinner hosted by President Martti Ahtisaari at the Presidential Palace on March 19. The summit will continue with meetings between the President and President Boris Yeltsin of Russia on March 20. The President will depart for Copenhagen, Denmark, on the evening of March 20.

The President declared a major disaster in Tennessee and ordered Federal aid, including individual assistance, to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms, flooding, and tornadoes that began on February 28.

The President declared a major disaster in West Virginia and ordered Federal aid, including individual assistance, to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms, heavy rains, and high winds that began on February 28.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted March 3

Joel I. Klein,
of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice Anne Bingaman, resigned.

Robert S. LaRussa,
of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, vice Susan G. Esserman.

Submitted March 6

James B. King,
of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of 4 years (reappointment).

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released March 3

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Vice President Al Gore on 1996 campaign financing

Response to a question asked at Press Secretary Mike McCurry's press briefing

Released March 5

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Released March 6

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Released March 7

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on U.S.-Russian summit dates

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry announcing Thomas F. (Mack) McLarty's upcoming visit to Guatemala